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CARRANZA SAYS WITHDRAW TROOPS

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The Defacto President Asks the United States to Get Its Troops out of Mexico and Says They Went in Without Permission When They Crossed the Border—No Opinion of the Note Expressed at Washington but the Matter Will be Negotiated—In the Meantime the Troops Will Not be Withdrawn and Hunt for Villa Will Continue—Military Men Say This Explains the Action of Carranza Troops Along the Border—They Think They Were Being Quietly Placed Where They Could Act the Quickest in Case of a Break With the United States.

[By Associated Press.]

Washington, April 13.—Carranza, in a note arriving at the Mexican embassy today, asks the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico. The note is understood to raise a new issue in the already complex situation, the outcome of which officials are reticent to predict until they consider the communication carefully and the probable reply of the United States. Carranza's note caused no surprise here.

In official quarters it was stated the American troops would not be withdrawn at present, and while the question is being discussed the pursuit of Villa will be continued with renewed vigor.

Although Carranza raised some side issues, the administration officials regard that his principle contention was that the punitive expedition's object has been accomplished, as far as it could be, and that the Villistas had been dispersed. The war department officials say they have no evidence that the bandit bands have been exterminated.

State department officials took the view of the note to limit the Americans' stay.

It was announced the negotiations would be conducted exclusively by Secretary of State Lansing.

Military men regard the activity of Carranza soldiers on the border and in Chihuahua as explained. They assume the Carranzistas were quietly being placed in position to be most effective in case of a break with the Americans.

Until General Funston receives an order from Washington, no change will be made in the conduct of the Villa campaign.

Americans and Mexicans Fight.

[By Associated Press.]

San Antonio, Tex., April 13.—General Funston received advice today of an encounter between American soldiers and either Mexican military forces or the civilian population of Parral, the details of which are unavailable. Consul Letcher of Chihuahua sent a report quoting the commander of the Parral garrison, who said the Americans appeared unharmed in the town, causing alarm among the Mexicans who fired, the Americans exchanging shots. The Parral commander belittled the event. Carranza's note caused no surprise here.

Mexican Officials Not Surprised.

[By Associated Press.]

El Paso, April 13.—Mexican officials were not surprised at Carranza's note today. Army officers would not discuss the question. Should the troops be recalled it would require three or four weeks until the last man crossed.

Border is Expectant.

[By Associated Press.]

El Paso, Tex., April 13.—The border awaited expectantly today the United States' answer to Carranza's note, knowing that the situation was fraught with startling possibilities, with the population of a majority of the towns along the border largely Mexican, and with the Mexican towns well garrisoned by Carranza soldiers across the river. Everything possible is being done to safeguard the American side. Nineteen thousand troops from San Diego have been called to Brownsville on the edge and prepared for all eventualities. Carranza has preceded his note, the officers declared, with military preparations, and the reports that the de factos are in position to cut the American communications are received as truth.

Villa Heard From.

[By Associated Press.]

Torreon, Mexico, April 13.—(Bulletin)—Villa is believed to be at Urbina's ranch at Las Nieves, south of Rosario, Durango. It was reported he is heading toward the Nazas River, in the direction of Contreras' and Cenceros' bandits.

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LULL ON ALL FRONTS OF THE EUROPEAN WAR

All Quiet for the Moment and no Attacks About Verdun—No Operations Reported on any Other Fronts—Russian Schooner Torpedoed and Sunk.

[By Associated Press.]

London, April 13.—The Verdun attacks have subsided for the moment and there were no engagements of importance in that region last night, the French official report said today.

Elsewhere on the western front, as well as along the Russian and Italian battle lines, no operations of importance were recorded.

The Russian schooner Imperator was torpedoed in the Mediterranean. Nine of the crew, some of them wounded, were landed at Barcelona.

German Note Received.

[By Associated Press.]

Washington, April 13.—The German note on the Sussex and other submarine cases was received at the state department today. It probably will be laid before President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing before night.

BIDS ALL IN.

Twenty-One Filed for Lunding Roads. Be Opened Tomorrow.

The bids on the road work to be done on the Brazos County roads were received up to 10 o'clock this morning, twenty-one bids being received. Every bid was accompanied by a certified check for \$15,000, as required by the commissioners court, and County Clerk Higgs states that he was receiving \$15,000 per minute for a while this morning, which is a record for his office. The bids will not be opened until 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The town is crowded with contractors and the hotels are finding it rather difficult to accommodate the crowds present.

NEW LIGHTS TURNED ON.

The new ornamental lights on Main street were turned on last night for the first time, and old Main was truly a great "White Way," unsurpassed, perhaps, by any city street in Texas, except, possibly, Broadway in Galveston. There are fifty-four of the lights, distributed ten to the block, five on either side of the street, and the street is perfectly illuminated from one end to the other. The new lights will burn until about midnight and the arc lights will burn all night as heretofore. The new lights were seen by the large crowds attending the revival last night and elicited the warmest praise from all.

Miss Jane Addams says she does not know enough to be mayor. As if a mayor had to know anything!—Washington Herald.

Madam—Have you any references? The French Maid—Zee husband of zee lady where I last worked he give me an automobile.—Life.

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GREGORY AGAINST THE REVOLUTION

Does Not Believe for the Public Interest to Disclose Standard Oil Investigation.

[By Associated Press.]

Washington, April 13.—Attorney General Gregory told the senate today it would be incompatible to the public interest to disclose the information of the department of justice in the investigations into the Standard Oil. This is taken to forecast some further developments in connection with the gasoline rise.

Some of the bachelors of England seem to be lacking in other kinds of nerve as well as the kind it takes to get married.—Charleston News and Courier.

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